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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS A  
SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert a new paragraph as follows:

**-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of International Application No.  
PCT/EP99/10258 filed December 20, 1999, which is incorporated by reference herein  
and claims the priority of EP98 204 456.2, filed December 29, 1998, and the benefit of  
U.S. Provisional application No. 60/114,534, filed December 31, 1998, which is  
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